

REMARKS

Claims 4-15 are now in the application. Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The indication that claims 4-6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations from the claims from which they depend is hereby noted with appreciation. Accordingly, claims 4-6 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations from prior claim 1. In addition, claims 13, 14 and 15 have been added which correspond to claims 4-6, respectively, but rewritten in independent form and including all limitations from prior claim 2. In view of the above amendments, claims 7-12 have been amended to no longer depend from claims 1 and 2. The amendments to the claims and newly presented claims do not introduce any new matter or raise any new issues. Also the absolute number of claims is not increased by this amendment because of the presence of multiple dependent claims.

The rejections of claims 1, 2 and 7-12 have been rendered moot by the cancellation of the claims 1 and 2 and the above amendments to the claims.

In view of the above, applicant believes that the currently amended claims are in condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

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